

PUBLIC LEDGER



KIND OLD SANTA CLAUS!

What "The Ledger's" Little Friends Want the Jolly Old Chap to Bring Them Christmas.



HUNTING THE STOCKINGS.

The Ledger has promised to be the mediator between its little friends and Santa Claus; and any communication sent to the office will find their way to the old fellow, and the wants of the little folks will be filled in due time. Some days we may be crowded for space; so do not get impatient if your letter is delayed a day or so, for it will be attended to as soon as possible.—EDITOR.

Mailing Christmas Gifts.

Some Useful Don'ts Prepared By One Who Knows.

Don't fail to put your own name and address on every piece of mail, preceded by the word "From."

Don't mail a parcel without previously weighing it to ascertain the proper amount of postage.

Don't wrap a parcel with such material or in such a manner that the wrapper may become torn and separated from the contents.

Don't seal or wrap parcels in such manner that their contents may not be easily examined.

Don't mail parcels to foreign countries without special inquiry concerning the regulations governing foreign addressed small parcels.

Don't attempt to send merchandise to foreign countries, other than Canada and Mexico, in execution of an order or as a gift unless the postage is prepaid at five cents per half ounce.

Don't attempt to send merchandise to foreign countries by "parcels-post" unless your Postmaster be consulted concerning the country addressed and the manner of mailing matter thereto.

Don't fail to give the full address, street and number, town, city and state.

Don't send sealed packages to Mexico and Canada.

Don't mail jewelry to foreign countries.

Don't place handkerchiefs, neckerchiefs or other merchandise in packages of printed matter.

Don't use tags or labels, as they become separated from packages.

Don't seal up packages containing photographs, pictures, Christmas cards, New Year's cards and mark them "Photo only," "Printed matter" or "Parcel post."

Don't mail packages on the street letter boxes, as they may never reach the Post-office.

Don't fail to see that the postage stamps are firmly affixed to your package.

A bale in Wells Bros.' drugstore at Mt. Olivet caused a loss of about \$900.

HOLIDAY DISPLAYS.

Lines of Goods That Have No Superiors Anywhere.

The prudent buyer, who wishes to select from the largest lines, will be careful to visit stores that are known to carry first class goods and the most of them.

Taken altogether, we can point to no previous year when the merchants of Mayville have made greater efforts to give patrons a wide range of novelties, when the stores were more inviting.

This is especially true when applied to Ballegher—and to our readers Ballegher's name is indissolubly connected with everything that pertains to Jewelry, Clothing, Household and Design Goods.

There are endless varieties of glassware, of cut glass, of porcelain, of silverware, of patterns of cutlery, jewelry in all newest fancies, watches of all makes and prices; and precious stones in such profusion that one is fairly bewildered. It is no exaggeration to say that never before was such an attractive stock offered in this city, nor were prices ever so low as now. THE LEDGER does not hesitate to recommend Ballegher to its readers and invite them to trade with him.

In the Federal Court at Covington on year railroad bonds, bearing 7% interest; the road was never built; the bonds, amounting with interest to some \$300,000, were compromised and paid off, with the exception of one \$1,000 fellow. A few days since this one, which had been held in Europe, turned up for collection. With interest it now amounts to nearly \$3,000.

Ex-Governor Taylor.

This will be your last opportunity to hear the eloquent ex Governor.

This will be the most enjoyable affair of the holidays.

The eloquence and beauty of "Visions and Dreams" will add love and joy to your Xmas pleasures.

Don't fail to hear him tonight.

THE LEDGER is greatly rejoiced to learn that Mr. Taylor will be able to enjoy his home and family Christmas. He says he is no longer afflicted with belly-ache.

To accommodate parties sending or receiving Christmas presents by mail, the Postoffice will be kept open until 9 o'clock, beginning Saturday evening and continuing through next week. One of the Carriers will be present to deliver packages to those who receive their mail by Carrier.

Monkey Oldham, whose arrest at Man chest was noticed yesterday, concluded to come here with Constable Dawson. Being taken before Squire Grant, he waived examination and went to jail in default of \$500. It is now stated with certainty that he "pinched" some of Uncle Sam's property from the Postoffice at Bernald, which entitles Officer Mc Chesney, who arrested him, to a reward of \$100. Officer Fornell of this city was sent by Chief Ort to accompany Mr Curtis and they located the accused at Manchester and caused his arrest after which Mr Curtis took Constable Dawson to that place to bring him here.

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Colonel J. David Dye, having gotten Uncle Sam's business all straightened out at Covington, is home again.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Horricks and daughter of Ashland will be here tomorrow to spend the holidays with relatives.

James E. Cord of Wedona was in this city yesterday purchasing Christmas gifts he saw advertised in THE LEDGER.

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The City Schools close today for the Christmas holidays.

Colonel W. C. Sadler is able to be out after a week's siege of grip.

W. E. Dawson qualified Constable, with L. N. Foster and George T. Wood, Wood satires.

There will be a select ball at Neptune Hall, Thursday, December 27th. Music by Maysville Orchestra.

Parlor Tables at half price, from now until Christmas eve. This is not talk, but straight goods.

WHITE, JUDD & CO.

The Citizens' Coal Company, Consumers Street, Fifth Ward, has 50,000 bushels of Pennsylvania coal, and 10,000 bushels of Peacock coal, which we will sell delivered at 8 CENTS, in lots not less than 100 bushels.

J. HAMILTON, Agent.

Dr. J. H. SAMUEL, (Ex-maternal Surgeon Good Samaritan Hospital, Executive Superintendent Louisville Hospital,) PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON

OFFICE AND RESIDENCE—Third Street, opposite the Courthouse.

COAL! COAL!

THE CITIZENS' COAL COMPANY, CONSUMERS STREET, FIFTH WARD.

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LARGEST IN THE CITY.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertising rates uniform and reasonable and made known on application of the office.

Subscribers who fail to pay the Ledger regularly will confer a favor by reporting the fact AT THE OFFICE.

AMERICA FOR AMERICANS—AMERICANS

MCKINLEY AND WILSON ABROAD.

In 1850 William McKinley was borned in Elyria in the English manufacturing city of Sheffield; but in 1854 William L. Wilson was dined and wined in London because he is the author of a Free-trade Tariff Bill. These are significant facts.

One of the worst governed cities in America, and one you hear the least about, is Philadelphia, says the Georgetown News-Democrat. They have rings and gangs there which can give Tammany Hall cards and spades and beat them. They have just completed a City Hall and are now engaged in furnishing it. The carpets are to cost \$6 per square yard; the chairs for the Councilmen \$12 each; their desks \$17.50 apiece. Even visitors in the gallery will tread upon carpets costing a dollar and a half a square yard, with each have a table and a chair costing \$25. His Nibs, the President of the Council, will be seated in a costly chair, placed on a rostrum costing \$1,265. Economy, of course, is the watch-word in this big Republican-hidden city.—*Bulletin, December 8th.*

The carpets and desks and chairs are to cost no such prices as our able contemporary would make believe. His authority is based upon a "proposition" to furnish the articles at the prices named, which proposition was referred back to the party who made it. THE LEDGER has it direct from the Philadelphia City Hall that the cost of furnishing will not be more than one-third the amount stated in the "proposition." The figures quoted by The Bulletin must be Democratic Free-trade prices, for even the McKinley Law never popped carpets up to \$6 a yard.

The gold reserve is again approaching the danger line. It is now a little more than \$90,000,000, and the able Democratic financiers may issue some more bonds to pay expenses. Yes, Br'er MARSH, you 'uns are making a daily record.

The first number of The Eastern Kentucky Democrat has been received. It is printed at Greenup, ably edited by Mr. R. E. L. WILSON, and is brim full of local happenings. THE LEDGER welcomes the new aspirant, and wishes it success in all things save its perverse politics.

No Dead Ones,
but 10,000 live Turkeys wanted.

F. H. TRAXL & CO.

MEXICO TOUR.

A select party for a grand tour of Mexico, "the Egypt of the New World," leave New York, O., on Saturday, January 2nd. Everything first class. A unique summer seldom offered to visit Mexico under such favorable auspices. For maps, descriptive pamphlets and full information call on or address N. R. Warwick, Agent, 131 Vine street, Cincinnati, O.

Eyes tested and glasses fitted by Dr. P. G. Smart. Satisfaction guaranteed. When looking for Christmas presents do not forget to examine the handsome line of Pocket-knives, Scissors and Razors at The Frank Owners Hardware Co.

Lager
new chewing tobacco makes a tough, lasting chew. You will like it. Ask for it. C. A. Raine & Co., Manufacturers, Danville, Va.

The advertising columns of THE LEDGER speak for themselves. They show that people who know how to advertise know also WHERE to advertise.

Bargains in Millions.
Trimmed Hats at half price. Bargains unsurpassed. We are selling our Millions at astonishingly low prices. Mrs. L. V. Davis, Zweigart's Block.

All Pictures
is extracted from Lager Tobacco, hence it is the healthiest. C. A. Raine & Co., Danville, Va., make Lager.

Lager
is the name of a new brand of chewing tobacco being introduced in this market. It is the superior of any plug tobacco in the market. You will like it. It contains no nicotine. C. A. Raine & Co., Manufacturers, Danville, Va.

With each dollar's worth of goods purchased of Theo. C. Power from now until the 25th, inclusive, one mug of hot chocolate free. See his elegant line of healthy goods. Marked low in plain figures. Next door to Postoffice.

Don't Tobacco Spit or Smoke Your Life Away.
The truthteller has written a book about No-to-hab, the only harmless, guaranteed no-hab-no-hab cure. If you want to quit and can't use "No-to-hab." Braces up to quit smoking nerves, eliminated nicotine, persons makes weak and gait straight, weight and vigor, money and money refunded.

Book at druggist, or mailed free. Address The Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago, 45 Randolph st.; New York, 10 Spruce st.

Have you a baby

that is making you old before your time with worrying? Is it weak, delicate, puny? Are you fearful lest it be taken from you? Mother! Will you read this letter about

Brown's Iron Bitters

It is genuine—not paid for or even solicited—and the writer is the happiest woman in New Orleans

500 DURESS STREET,
Enclosed you will find a photograph of my young boy, Clarence. He is now 10 years old, and is a picture of health. I thank him for Brown's Iron Bitters. He is now a year older than when he began to take it, and I cannot say enough in praise of Brown's Iron Bitters.

Mrs. L. L. LEVENSON.

This letter was written on July 25th, this year. Have you a delicate child? Life for many children in Brown's Iron Bitters!

The Brown has the Crossed Red Lines on the wrapper.
BROWN CHEMICAL CO., Baltimore, Md.

See Ballenger the Jeweler.

Everybody says what fine Cabinets at Parker's Gallery and only \$10 per dozen.

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the new chewing tobacco, is the most lasting and pleasing chew. See that your dealer can supply you. It contains no nicotine. C. A. Raine & Co., Manufacturers, Danville, Va.

If you need spectacles or eye glasses, don't have them fitted in the old haphazard way by any one who may have them for sale. Consult us. We examine your eyes scientifically and make the glasses to fit. We can give you the names of hundreds from our prescription book who have been successfully fitted by our method who never had glasses to suit them before. We guarantee satisfaction in every case, and make no charge for examination. Ballenger, Jeweler.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, { ss.
Frank J. Cheney made oath that he is the president of the Toledo Gas Co., Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, county and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Estaruhs that may be cured by Dr. F. J. Cheney's Cataract Cure.

FRANK J. CHENEY,
A. W. GLEASON,
SEAL.

Hall's Cataract Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.
ESTRUH Sold by Druggists, 75 cents.

WAR AND PEACE

Tribute Paid to Courage and Patriotism.

Statues to the Memory of Gen. Stark and Daniel Webster

Presented to the United States for Exhibit in the National Statuary Hall at the Capitol by the State of New Hampshire.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Pursuant to an order adopted last week the Senate and several members added Thursday to the consideration of the bill to appropriate \$75,000 and provide for a part of the expenses of the secret service of war to acquire possession of the land included in the proposed limits either by condemnation or otherwise, but provides that present occupants may, under an arrangement with the government, remain on the premises, in which case they are to protect all landmarks either now existing or to be hereafter created. The parts is to be in charge of three commissioners, one of whom shall have charge of the history of the country in war and peace, having made the collection of the forces of the earth. The occasion for this was the presentation to the United States, for exhibition in the National Statuary Hall at the capitol, by the state of New Hampshire, two statues of Gen. John Stark, a hero of Bennington, and of Daniel Webster, the famous lawyer, orator and statesman.

Speeches were made by Senator Galinger, Proctor, Dubois, Chandler, Hoar, Hartley, Morgan, Davis, Platt and others, and a vote was taken to name the statue of Webster after Gen. Grant, another in the Army of Ohio under Gen. Buell, and the third in the Army of the Mississippi under Gen. A. S. Johnston. The general purpose of the bill is set forth in the first section, which provides that the sum appropriated is to be used for the preservation on the ground where they fought of the history of one of the memorable battles of the southwest, as has been done for the armies of the east at Gettysburg and for those of the west at Vicksburg.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—In view of the prominence in public discussion in the United States of labor problems, the statistical bureau of the state department has been asked to prepare a series of reports on the condition of labor and where the relations between labor and the state are much more intimate than in the United States or any other European country, full statistics relating to labor insurance, voluntary and compulsory.

The facts so gathered are included in a report published in the December consumer reports which have just been issued by the department.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Probably it will be some time before it is possible to learn that large quantities of snails are annually shipped to the United States from Europe to be eaten by epicures, yet this fact is set out in consumer reports received of the state department from France and Switzerland.

France alone, the shipment of these snails in one year amounts to \$20,000 pounds. Those shipped to the United States are of the finest quality and sell for \$4.82 per pound.

The reports of the food grown around in France are devoted solely to the propagation of these food snails.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The United States civil service commission will hold examinations in Boston in this and other large cities for the position of assistant inspector and inspector of meat. Only graduates of veterinary colleges will be eligible. The subjects of the examination are letter writing, veterinary anatomy, and physiology, veterinary pathology and meat inspection.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The senate went into executive session Thursday immediately after the adjournment and re-adopted a resolution on the part of D. Clark, nominated to district judge for the eastern and middle districts of Tennessee on the 17th inst., and who was confirmed Tuesday. It is said that Charles M. Clark, in presenting fees on both sides of the same case, have agreed to let before the attorney general and he sent for Senator Harris, who, together with Senator Teller, agreed that an investigation should be made before a commission was issued.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The Olympic Club.

New Orleans, Dec. 21.—In view of the Boston fight, the attorney-general filed a supplemental suit against the Olympic club for an injunction and forfeiture of charter. He claims the limited number of prize fights to be illegal, a pugilist, that the object of the club is to receive a prize, so that they are really prize fights and against the law.

Acquitted of Arson.

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FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 21.—The annual report of Henry George, warden of the state penitentiary, shows that on November 30 there were 1,156 convicts in the institution, as compared with 1,101 a year ago. On the 1st in confinement 133 are serving life sentences.

They Believe in Anti-Tuberculosis.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The city board of health voted an appropriation Thursday afternoon to build an infirmary of \$30,000 with which to produce anti-tuberculosis remedies which have proved so successful in the treatment and cure of tubercular diseases.

A Verdict of Murder.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Dec. 21.—The coroner's jury Thursday held an inquest over the remains of Richard Nevel, who was shot and killed by A. W. Morris, an independent. A verdict of murder was found.

SMILION BATTLEFIELD.

SMILION Creating a Park and an Appropriation Passes Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The bill creating a national park in one of the battlefields of Shiloh has passed both houses and only awaits the president's signature to become a law. The bill as it passed the senate appropriated \$75,000 and provided for a part of the expenses of the secret service of war to acquire possession of the land included in the proposed limits either by condemnation or otherwise, but provides that present occupants may, under an arrangement with the government, remain on the premises, in which case they are to protect all landmarks either now existing or to be hereafter created. The parts is to be in charge of three commissioners, one of whom shall have charge of the history of the country in war and peace, having made the collection of the forces of the earth. The occasion for this was the presentation to the United States, for exhibition in the National Statuary Hall at the capitol, by the state of New Hampshire, two statues of Gen. John Stark, a hero of Bennington, and of Daniel Webster, the famous lawyer, orator and statesman.

Speeches were made by Senator Galinger, Proctor, Dubois, Chandler, Hoar, Hartley, Morgan, Davis, Platt and others, and a vote was taken to name the statue of Webster after Gen. Grant, another in the Army of Ohio under Gen. Buell, and the third in the Army of the Mississippi under Gen. A. S. Johnston. The general purpose of the bill is set forth in the first section, which provides that the sum appropriated is to be used for the preservation on the ground where they fought of the history of one of the memorable battles of the southwest, as has been done for the armies of the east at Gettysburg and for those of the west at Vicksburg.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—In view of the prominence in public discussion in the United States of labor problems, the statistical bureau of the state department has been asked to prepare a series of reports on the condition of labor and where the relations between labor and the state are much more intimate than in the United States or any other European country, full statistics relating to labor insurance, voluntary and compulsory.

The facts so gathered are included in a report published in the December consumer reports which have just been issued by the department.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Probably it will be some time before it is possible to learn that large quantities of snails are annually shipped to the United States from Europe to be eaten by epicures, yet this fact is set out in consumer reports received of the state department from France and Switzerland.

France alone, the shipment of these snails in one year amounts to \$20,000 pounds. Those shipped to the United States are of the finest quality and sell for \$4.82 per pound.

The reports of the food grown around in France are devoted solely to the propagation of these food snails.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The United States civil service commission will hold examinations in Boston in this and other large cities for the position of assistant inspector and inspector of meat. Only graduates of veterinary colleges will be eligible. The subjects of the examination are letter writing, veterinary anatomy, and physiology, veterinary pathology and meat inspection.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The senate went into executive session Thursday immediately after the adjournment and re-adopted a resolution on the part of D. Clark, nominated to district judge for the eastern and middle districts of Tennessee on the 17th inst., and who was confirmed Tuesday. It is said that Charles M. Clark, in presenting fees on both sides of the same case, have agreed to let before the attorney general and he sent for Senator Harris, who, together with Senator Teller, agreed that an investigation should be made before a commission was issued.

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BIMETALLISM.

Barker's Idea of Getting Both Metals for Circulation.

The United States to Admit Silver Bullion From American Mine

To Coinage by a Seigniorage Absorbing Three-fourths of the Difference Between London Market Price of Bullion and Its Value When Coined.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Wharton Barker, of Philadelphia, was in Chicago returning home from a visit to Colorado. Asked whether the principle of bimetallism prevailed to any extent in the east, he said:

"Yes, there is very influential body of citizens of Pennsylvania now openly favor bimetallism, and mean to make the campaign of 1896 a bimetallic one, as well as political. The gentlemen who to whom these grounds are among the leading manufacturers and citizens of Philadelphia."

"How will the movement affect gold?"

"In making a proposal for the re-establishment of bimetallism I have kept in mind the danger of driving the gold out of circulation and temporarily putting the United States on a silver basis, which would, of course, make a contraction of currency and probably bring on a panic."

"What is your proposal, Mr. Barker?"

"My proposal is as follows: 'That the United States shall admit silver bullion from American mines to coinage in its mint upon the payment by the owner of a seigniorage absorbing three-fourths of the difference between the London market price of the bullion and its value when coined.'

"The foreign silver bull shall be admitted only for coinage purposes, at a seigniorage absorbing all of the difference between the London market price and its value when coined. This plan would re-establish at once a bimetallic monetary system for and by the United States. It removes and meets the dangers that bimetallic independent action by the United States, and it would soon re-establish the equality of the legal and commercial value of gold and silver, and provide a proper and regular addition to the money of the country."

FIENDISH TRICK

Played Upon an Ex-Baptist Minister at Niles, Mich.

NILES, Mich., Dec. 21.—Rev. Dr. Weisler, late of the Baptist church, is lying at his home in a very serious condition, the result of a fiendish trick played upon him, Monday night.

He had stepped out of his door, when he was tripped by a low wire stretched across his path. He struck his head, causing contusion of the brain and nasal injuries.

He has since been seized with convulsions.

The matter was kept quiet until Wednesday night. There had been trouble in his church and this piece of treachery was the last straw, the result of feeling engendered. On account of dissatisfaction, Weisler and his parish divided some time ago, and the preacher has since been addressing large audiences in a hall. As a result of the fight, Weisler sued his predecessor, pastor of the Niles church, for damages. Weisler has recently received four letters signed "Whitecap," threatening violence if he did not leave town.

CRIME IN 'FRISCO.

The Highways Are Dangerous Things With a High Hand.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 21.—Chinese highwaymen have inaugurated a reign of terror in the Mongolian quarters. These bandits, many of whom were ex-members of the secret desperation clause of the exclusion law, are driven to desperation through poverty, and burglaries, robberies and shooting and stabbing affairs, are of daily occurrence. Chinese women of the worst class and small children are the most frequent victims of highwaymen, who are piling up right and left. The Mongolian police employed by the Six Companies, are apparently afraid of the highwaymen, and even with the assistance of the civic policemen to stem the tide of crime raging in their districts.

Harper's New Editor.

PORTLAND, Ind., Dec. 21.—The jury in the case of Samuel Bone, the man who shot and killed Frank Gould June 17, returned a verdict of not guilty. The trial was charged Wednesday evening and came in at 1 o'clock Thursday morning.

Masonic Home at Logansport.

LOGANSPORT, Ind., Dec. 21.—The masonic fraternity has decided to erect a \$60,000 temple here next spring. It will be of red sandstone, four stories high, and the second and third floors will be devoted to a new open oratory.

Ex-Gov. Ahrens Dead.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 21.—Ex-Gov. and United States Senator James L. Alcorn died Thursday morning on his estate at Eagle's Nest, Miss. Gov. Alcorn was 75 years old. His death was the result of a stroke of paralysis.

Largest Lake Fish Mart.

GREEN BAY, Wis., Dec. 21.—Reports prepared by the State Fish Dealers' association, which met in annual convention here, Thursday, show that trout is not the largest catch market in the lakes. The total catch marketed this season was in the neighborhood of 6,000,000 pounds, representing a business exceeding \$400,000. All this is a growth of about five years.

Grover Bagging Fat Ducks.

GEORGETOWN, S. C., Dec. 21.—President George W. Bush, who has enjoyed his visit here, having been from time to time, while playing about the cook stove, her dress accidentally caught fire and was burned to a crisp before the servants could reach her.

The Good Coal Oil.

JEPSONVILLE, Ind., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Susan Smaling, 25 years old, was Thursday morning kindling a fire with coal oil when an explosion followed, resulting in her being fatally burned.

Assaulted at Eagle's Nest.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., Dec. 21.—Joseph Smith, colored, was arrested here Thursday night charged with the murder of an old couple at Moncova, O., and an \$800 robbery. He was taken to Toledo.

Cost of Education in Ohio.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 21.—Figures compiled by State School Commissioners show that the total expense of the public schools of Ohio for the year ending August 31 was \$13,314,306.90.

Minister Frauds at Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—The grand jury Wednesday afternoon voted to indict thirteen persons for violation of the election law on election day. Three of the number are policemen.

SOLDIERS' HOMES.

Resolutions Adopted by the Commission of State Homes for Veterans.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 21.—The following resolutions were adopted Thursday by the commissioners of state homes for veterans:

"Whereas, The state soldier's homes have not the facilities and means required to care for the care of incorrigible drunkards, and,

"Whereas, The national homes have provided, by rule, that no member of a state home can be admitted to a national home until he has been discharged from state home for at least six months; therefore:

"Resolved, That the board of managers of the national homes be and they are hereby respectfully requested to make such changes in the rules as will permit national homes to receive veterans, regardless of the time when they were discharged from state homes.

The committee's recommendations on pensions were adopted as follows:

"That congress be asked to enact a law authorizing the several states to control the pensions of those who are admitted to those homes. This is necessary because a considerable percentage of those who are admitted to the state homes are alcoholics, drunks, and upon receipt of their quarterly pensions at once enter upon a course of dissipation.

Resolution of a Coal Combine.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 21.—The rumor of a combination of coal operators has broken out anew here, and it is claimed negotiations are now in progress between the coal operators of Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Virginia, to form a trust that would control the bituminous coal of the Ohio River basin. The Standard Oil Co. does the oil product. When W. B. Brooks was asked concerning the rumor he refused to make any statement for publication.

"Calamity" Weller Sentenced.

INDEPENDENCE, Ia., Dec. 21.—Hon. L. H. Weller, commonly called "Calamity" Weller, of Nebraska, was found guilty yesterday. In the district court, of obtaining money under false pretenses. He was twice a member of congress in the '80s, being elected as a fusion candidate over the republican candidate. He was indicted on a list paper last. The offense came from the purchase of a pair of trousers a few years ago. Weller will appeal to the supreme court.

Verdict for \$45,000.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 21.—In the suit of J. A. Buckstaff against the American Fire Insurance and other defendant companies, the jury Thursday brought in a verdict for the plaintiff. The amount involved was nearly \$45,000. A year ago Buckstaff's pressed brick manufactory was totally destroyed by fire. The insurance companies refused to pay on the ground that the value of the plant had been misrepresented and the fire was incendiary.

Shot by His Clerk.

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